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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: GN Docket No. 09-191

January 13, 2010

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I am concerned about the possibility of government regulation concerning internet access. At our agency we submit electronic billings for our State and Federal grants. We submit grant reports electronically. We receive notification of audits and receive grant contracts. We use the internet to communicate with all of our for-profit and not-for-profit partners. It is rare for us to experience "down-times" when our internet access is limited. We would like to keep it that way. The few times that we have been unable to access the internet we have been unable to conduct business. It has resulted in cash-flow issues because we cannot bill our funders, and problems with not having grant reports submitted timely.

Presently without regulation we know that the internet is reliable. We are connected to the world. Our business can be transacted on-line. Clients, donors and members of the community can learn about the YWCA of St. Joseph County and our services anytime that they have access to the internet. Participants for our events register on-line

While I understand that sometimes regulation is necessary and desirable, in this case nothing seems "broken". Please do not bring in more regulation to this industry.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director



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